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Severe limitations of Mass Media in all forms needed

The US Congress, big business, and the FCC have fought for and allowed our mass media in all forms to be concentrated into the hands of a very few multinational corporations. These include General Electric, Viacom, Disney, News Corp., Bertelsmann.

I have tracked this concentration since reading The Wizard of Media Oz by Soloman and Cohn, publications of the think tank FAIR, and Selling Free Enterprise: The Business Assault on Labor and Liberalism 1945-60 by Elizabeth A. Fones-Wolf, U. of Illinois Press. These titles speak to the issue of concentration.

Rules by the US Congress and FCC that have been trashed in the interests of multinational corporations and the right-wing of Congress include foreign ownership of US mass media, very limited ownership of mass media in all forms related to cities/towns, national networks, etc. by single persons or corporations.

Labor has lost some 800 forms of mass media that it controlled or owned immediately after 1945. Multinational corporations mentioned above have bought up large numbers of radio stations, newspapers, family owned publishing houses, TV stations and networks to the point that they control elections, federal government, and the minds of the general public.

Elections are now bought thanks to the prices of mass media use. PBS is now a right-wing voice thanks to multinational corporate ownership of production companies PBS uses and sponsorship of PBS programs.

Perot in 1996 was frozen out of Presidential debates while willing to pay his way. The present New York City mayor bought that office with \$50 million. The Iraq war of today is sold like breakfast food. Mr. Ellis, first cousin of G.W. Bush, started the tide against Gore in Election 2000 here in Florida that washed across the nation while voting polls were still open. And on and on.

The general public is ignorant about politics at home/foreign, economies other than our Predatory system aka Robber Baron, the fact that our US Constitution is

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broken and a joke. I personally get my news from Europe via computer [language software], Canadian TV and publications, and a few select publications here in the States. I do not trust my government or US mass media in almost all forms.

The FCC must return to the very severe limitation rules in place in the late 1940s and early 1950s. If not we as a nation will completely fail as a Republic and be well on its way as an Empire with dynasty rule. There is no free market place of ideas and ideals.

Read the crux of the Declaration of Independence. [Paraphrased] If the government does not meet the needs of the governed, then it is the right and duty of the governed to overthrow government by any means. Know the violations of the second US Constitution during recent elections, failure for declaration of war according to Article I, Section 8, the Articles of NAFTA and the WTO that demand of signatories their laws must be subservient to these Articles, and on and on.

Aside from the facts stated, these are my opinions that I may still have the right to have. When one disagrees with government one may be guilty of treason these days. I am 71 years of age; I voluntarily served honorably in the US Navy from January 1951 to December 1954. I am a retired public school teacher, principal, and central office administrator. I continue to do research.